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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshitaka SASAGO et al.

Appln. No.: 10/701,497

Group Art Unit: 2822

Filed: November 6, 2003

Examiner: T. Thomas

For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

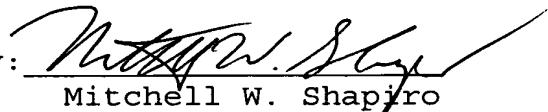
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2005, and to the requirement for election of species therein, Applicants elect Species (i) including the embodiment shown in Figs. 22A-25B (Claims 29-31 and 44-47) for prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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